OLD ENGLAND:

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Quid facient leges?

To the AUTHOR, *&c.*

SIR,

I BEG by your Means the ſetting forth my Caſe as follows. My Wife having a ſmall Freehold Eſtate, bequeathed by her Father to her and her Heirs, and we being engaged in the farming Way of Life, with a large Family, have been viſited with the common Calamity; inſomuch, that our Stock, which conſiſted chiefly in large Cattle, has been deſtroyed by the yet raging Diſtemper; in Pity of which Diſtreſs, our Landlord, a Member of Parliament, has been extremely charitable in forgiving of Rent, and we are now endeavouring to get in a freſh Stock, ſo as to enable us to hold the Farm under ſo good a Gentleman, and in order thereto have propoſed to take up 100 *l.* on Mortgage of our Eſtate, which is the moſt that will be advanced thereon. But to add to our Misfortune we are now told, that the Lender of the 100 *l.* muſt have a Fine levied to ſecure his Money, otherwiſe he is not ſafe in Law; the Charge of which Fine only is to be Five Guineas, beſides the additional Charge of Writings, which will be larger, and alſo that when the Mortgage is paid off, or Eſtate to be ſold, there muſt be a Reconveyance from the Mortgagee, for being made a Mortgage in Fee, ſtill adding to the Charge. Whether the Lawyer impoſes on us, or this Load of Expence attending a Mortgage for 100 *l.* by way of a Fine, beſides the Writings, is ſuch an Oppreſſion on the Neceſſitous and Unfortunate, as may well regard the Conſideration of the Legiſlature to enact, that ſuch ſmall Mortgages be made by Deed only, or otherwiſe, to avoid ſuch oppreſſive Charges thereon in ſuch manner as in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet. It will be great Charity in making this unhappy Caſe known, and will lay Obligations on many, and in particular on one who may juſtly acknowlege this to be the *Fine of his Fines.*

SIR,

Your humble Servant, &c.

IT is impoſſible to paſs over this Letter without a melancholy Reflection on the unhappy State and Condition to which the Subjects of this Kingdom are reduced by the Law. That which was framed and deviſed for Protection is become an Engine of Deſtruction among us; like Religion, under the Diſpenſations of *Rome* before the Reformation, when the whole Wealth of the Nation was abſorbed in that devouring Gulf. The Profeſſors of the Goſpel, I mean thoſe who lived by it, were looked upon with Horror and Deteſtation thro' the Land, and conſidered in the ſame diſagreeable Light with our Profeſſors of the Law at preſent; inſomuch, that Religion itſelf became as odious to our Anceſtors, as the Law is now become among us. The People groaned under the Burden of religious Oppreſſions, and looked for Redemption for many Centuries in vain; and perhaps it had never come, had not the wanton Exerciſe of religious Tyrants croſs'd the Pleaſures of the Court; nor even then, had not the Court obſerved a Promptneſs in the People to ſupport it in any Meaſures it might take to promote a general Reformation.

The Law now ſtands in the ſame oppreſſive Light as the Goſpel, or rather the Regulations annexed to it, did in thoſe Days; but the Remedy, or at leaſt the Maſter-Spring of it, is not in the like Hands it was then. Happy for us if it were; for the Throne is never better pleaſed than in the Exerciſe of it's Prerogative for the Good of the People. It has been ſaid, that the Happineſs of our ſo much boaſted Conſtitution is ſuch, that a King of *Great Britain* can do no Wrong; but tho' I can't ſubſcribe to this, I think I may venture to aſſert, that a King can't do all the Good he might among us, as the Government conſiſts of Three States, whereof the King is but one; and therefore, without the Concurrence of the other two, he can do no legiſlative Act. It may be ſaid that the Government was the ſame at the Reformation. I own it was, *in Form*; but every Reader of the Hiſtory of theſe Times knows that the King governed as abſolutely as if the other two States had never been. They were no more than the Parliament of *France* is at this Day, paſſive Implements of Obedience to the Will of the King. The Part of Government which the People reſerved in their own Hands is delegated by them to their Repreſentatives, who have not been always the *wiſeſt* or the *honeſteſt* among them. They have been charged with Corruption, and to have had ſo little Regard to their Truſt, that they frequently betrayed it into the very Hands they were appointed to guard it from. Now a Reformation of the Law cannot be affected by the King alone. It muſt be done in Parliament, where the Profeſſors are not without Fathers, Brothers, and other Relations, who can make a Stand upon Occaſion, and take Care of their Intereſt: Nay, they are there themſelves, and ſome apprehend not ſo much for the Service of their Country as to paſs thence into Dignities and lucrative Poſts. What Hopes is there then of reforming the Law? It is no Wonder, that the Groans of the People have been ſo little regarded, and *legal* Oppreſſion ſuffered to bear down their Necks ſo long. In ſome Parts of the Kingdom they ſhear the Sheep twice a Year, and Shearers go about to be employed for that Purpoſe. Our *Circuit-Shearers* in the Law do the ſame, and clip ſo cloſe that a Growth can hardly ripen into Perfection before they come again.

When I reflect on the Oppreſſions of the Law, and that it devours more Eſtates than it protects, and perhaps eſtabliſhes more Wrong than Right; that if I conſult with a Lawyer I conſult with a miſtaken Guide, who leads me into a Wilderneſs, or rather a Waſte of Brambles and Briers which tears my Cloathing into Rags, and bewilders my Underſtanding, and confounds me with Diſappointment! where the Succeſsful and Unſucceſsful, the Good and Bad, the Little and ſometimes the Great, ſooner or later periſh alike; I ſay, when I reflect on theſe melancholy Facts, I am often tempted to think it had been rather better with us, if we had had no Law at all, but left in a State of Nature to pitch our reſpective Tents where each Individual could. The worſt of ſuch a State would be that *Might* muſt prevail, and the weaker be ſubject to the ſtronger. This is no more than what we undergo daily in the Law, where the longeſt Purſe and the perverſeſt Temper always prevail. I ſpeak it not jocoſely, but in ſerious Sadneſs; nor do I impute it ſo much to Corruption in either Branch of the Profeſſion, as to the Law itſelf and the Conſtitution of ſome of our Courts of Juſtice, which, however worthily filled, yet a Suiter may be ruined by the Arts and Contrivances of Practicers and the Malice and Power of his Adverſary, before he ſees the Face of the Judge and the long-ſought-for Day of Hearing; and even tho' he may attain that Period, alas! he has hardly travelled one fourth Part of the painful Journey he is to go thro'. A long and trackleſs Way, if it may be called a Way, lies boundleſs ſtill before him, full of oblique Turnings, expenſive Stands, and other Interruptions, where, beſides the Levy of immoderate Taxes, Cuſtoms and Tolls, the wearied Traveller is ſubject to Surprize and Attacks from the various Hoards of mercileſs *Tartars* that lurk among the Wilds of the Deſert to raiſe Contributions or interrupt his Courſe.

I will not enter, at leaſt at preſent, into particular Grievances and Abuſes which ariſe from the Law, tho' Plenty of them occur and preſs for Utterance: But 'tis an indelible Diſgrace to Chriſtianity, and indeed to human Society, to ſuffer ſuch a State of Depredation to ſubſiſt ſo long among us, and to put Arms in the Hands of one Part of the Community to torture and deſtroy the reſt. We may boaſt of the Excellence and Utility of our Laws and the wiſe Diſpenſations of them; but if Juſtice is placed upon ſuch an inacceſſible Height, as none but the Rich can approach, conſequently Juſtice is only for them, and the reſt ſtand wholly excluded. Though the Laws of *France* are much more tollerable than ours, yet are they not without Cauſe of Complaint. *Battru*, ſo famed for his Wit in that Country, obſerving Juſtice and Peace kiſſing each other, in a Picture that was hung up in one of their Courts of Juſtice, ſaid the Device was very ſignificant of the Place; "For, continued he, Juſtice and Peace, on the Point of parting, are taking a laſt Embrace never to meet here again." Whatever may be ſaid of Juſtice, I think *Battru*'s Obſervation as to Peace is well founded, as Diſcord and Uneaſineſs are the Events of going to Law.

The Inequality of our Laws are exceedingly inconvenient to the People in general. Had they really been calculated to exclude the Poor from the Benefit of them, and to encourage Might and oppreſſive Contentions, they could not have been more effectually deviſed. It is hardly practicable that a poor Artificer or Tradeſman, who gets his Bread by the Sweat of his Brows, can recover his Hire or Reward of his Labour from a litigious wealthy Perſon, while he has it in his Power to appeal from Court to Court, and load the Suitor with ſuch Expences as he is unable to defray. The Conſtitutions of our Courts of Equity are unfavourable to People of this Claſs, as they are unable to ſupport the Expences of the Proceedings, and that Wrong-doers ſeldom fail to fight the Weapons thro': So that if a Perſon in a handicraft Trade, or middling Shopkeeper, obtains a Verdict for 30 or 40 *l.* at Law, there is nothing eaſier than to overpower him by the voluminous Proceedings of a Court of Equity. But it is ſeldom that a Perſon in ſuch a Situation of Life can weather out the more moderate Proceedings of a Court of Law. It reflects no Honor upon our Conſtitution, that a Suiter for Five Pounds pays the ſame Stamp-Duties to the King as a Suiter for 500 *l.* and that Officers and Court-Fees are much the ſame in the leſſer as in the greater Suit. Can any Man that reflects on this ſurpriſing Inequality conceive, that our inconſiderate Anceſtors had any Regard to the Generality of the People.

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in framing the Conſtitutions of Courts and Impoſition of Duties in the Manner they have? Let me again repeat, "That a Suitor for Five Pounds pays the ſame Stamp-"Duties, and much the ſame Office and Court Fees as a "Suitor for 500*l.* or even ſtill a much larger Debt!" And what is ſtill worſe, it is not in the Power of the Bench to remedy this Grievance; for moſt Offices in our Courts of Juſtice are become Freeholds and inviolable, and the Stamp-Duties have been impoſed by the *Wiſdom* of Parliament, ſo that nothing but the *Wiſdom* of Parliament can eaſe the unequal Burden, and unleſs the Remedy comes recommended by the *Wiſdom* of the Court, I doubt the Day of Redreſs is far off.

The Inequality of our Laws and the Conſtitution of our Courts, appear evidently burdenſome in the Caſe of my Correſpondent, who ſeems to groan under a Severity of inevitable Misfortune. Inſtead of contributing to his Redreſs, and improving the Charity of his good Landlord, they obſtruct both, and deny him the Uſe of the Gifts of Fortune; for to limit him in the Uſe of his Right is to deny him the uſeful Improvement of it, and conſequently a Detriment to himſelf and Family. The little yearly Produce of his Freehold can avail them but very little; whereas, were he enabled to raiſe Money upon it at a moderate Rate, he might improve it ſo happily in Time as to retrieve his Affairs, and in the Interim get a comfortable Subſiſtence for himſelf and his Family. A Fine is a Fiction of Law, which bars the Wife of her Dower and the Heir of Inheritance, and is wiſely contrived to eſtabliſh Titles in Eſtates, and quiet Purchaſers in their Poſſeſſion and Right. As my poor Correſpondent has no more than an Eſtate for Life in his little Freehold, he can't make it a Security for a longer Term without a Fine, as, on his Death, his Widow becomes of Courſe endowed of her Third, and the Heir will inherit; ſo that the Lender muſt loſe his Money.

It is not the Lawyer that impoſes on my Correſpondent, but the Law itſelf. The Expence of Conveyancing is grown enormouſly extravagant ſince the Statute of Uſes. Before that Time a little ſhort Deed, by way of Feofment or otherwiſe, according to the Nature of the Eſtate and Tenure, ſufficed; but now we are run into ſuch a Luxuriance of Oppreſſion that way, that, unleſs ſome Regulations be made ſoon to check it, we ſhall have hardly Sheep enough in the Nation to ſupply our Conveyancers with Parchment. Great landed Eſtates may afford the tedious and expenſive Courſe of Conveyance by Deed, Fine, and Reconveyance, all which, as the Law ſtands, are abſolutely neceſſary. But, alas! how can little Parcels of Freehold of Six or Seven Pounds a Year, or leſs, ſuſtain the unequal Burden? It is an effectual Bar and Reſtriction of Credit and Commerce between the lower Claſs of Landholders, as it renders them incapable of borrowing a little Money to ſtrengthen their Hands in Huſbandry.

Why lag our Superiors in remedying ſo great an Evil? May there not a more adequate Way of Conveyancing be deviſed, proportionable to the Value of the Lands? Why ſhould not a Certificate under the Judge's Hand, on the Back of a ſhort Deed, of the private Examination of the Wife, anſwer the Purpoſe of a complete Fine as to her Right.——But it may be thought preſumptuous in a private Man to offer his Sentiments of Remedy in this Caſe, further than that Redreſs is abſolutely neceſſary, ſo as to put the inferior Claſs of Freeholders in a State of equal Freedom with thoſe who are bleſt with a happier Situation in their Circumſtances. Therefore, as nothing but the *Wiſdom* of Parliament can relieve theſe little Freeholders out of their State of Bondage and Oppreſſion, to the *Wiſdom* of Parliament I ſhall leave it.

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We hear from Cardigan in Wales that Attorney *V*gh*n*, ſo long and ſo *mutedly—famous* at Hick's Hall and the Old Bailey, died *ſuddenly* laſt Week near that Town of a *Mortification*, and undoubtedly *much lamented*. He was critically ſkilled in the *Law of Evidence*, and had a *Genius* for *conducting* criminal Proſecutions.

Tueſday Morning at eleven o'Clock, Peter Leigh, Eſq; High Bailiff for the City of Weſtminſter, made his Return for a Repreſentative of that City in Parliament, and declared Lord Trentham to have a Majority of 170 againſt Sir George Vandeput.

The High Bailiff's Account of bad Votes in each Pariſh in the City of Weſtminſter.

	For Lord Trentham.	For Sir Geo. Vandeput.
St. Ann's	20	21
St. George's	81	68
St. Margaret's and St. John's	370	193
St. Paul Cov. Garden, & St. Martin le Grand	18	26
St. Clement's, St. Mary le Strand.	17	123
St. James's	128	168
St. Martin's	74	122
Total bad Votes for Ld. Trentham	708	Total bad Votes for Sir Geo. 271
Number of Votes for Lord Trentham on the Poll was		4811
Deduct his bad Votes		708
		4103
Votes for Sir George Vandeput on the Poll		4654
Deduct his bad Votes		721
		3933
		170

Sunday about half an Hour after 12 her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales was ſafely delivered of a Prince at Leiceſter Houſe, on which occaſion the Park and Tower Guns were fired, and at Night there were Bonfires, &c.

Mrs. Murray, the Wet Nurſe to Prince Edward and Prince Henry, is appointed Wet Nurſe to the new-born Prince.

On Tueſday laſt the Sheriffs of London, by Order of the Lord Mayor, went to Leiceſter Houſe, to wait upon the Prince of Wales, and to know his Royal Highneſs's Pleaſure when he would be complimented on the Birth of the Prince: But the Lord Mayor being indiſpoſed, no Day was appointed.

Monday Nathaniel Wilkes, Eſq; Citizen and Diſtiller paid his Fine to be excuſed ſerving Sheriff of this City. And

Edward Radcliffe, Eſq; Citizen and Salter, depoſed his Fine, for that Purpoſe, 'till he can apply to the Court of Common Council to be diſcharged, his Brother having formerly fined for the ſaid Office.

The ſix independant Companies who went abroad with Admiral Boſcawen are all diſbanded, and the Officers put upon Half Pay.

Wedneſday the General Committee of the Foundling Hoſpital came to a Reſolution to take in Children on Friday the 15th of next Month.

Thurſday Mr. Moore, well known to the Public for his polite Writings, was married at Audley-Chapel Groſvenor Square, to Miſs Jane Hamilton, eldeſt Daughter of Charles Hamilton of St. James's, Eſq; a Lady of fine Accompliſhments.

Thurſday Morning died, after a ſhort Illneſs, the Hon. Charles Clarke, Eſq; one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer. And

The ſame Day about Noon died of a malignant Fever, after four Days Illneſs, Sir Thomas Abney, Knt. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Weſtminſter.

Laſt Week died, Walter Saltonſtall, Eſq; Comptroller of the Cuſtoms in the Port of Yarmouth near 50 Years.

Thurſday died in St. Bride's Workhouſe, aged 97, Mr. Aſhburnham, formerly a Publican: He was an honeſt inoffenſive Man had married nine Wives, the laſt of which ſurvives him.

Sunday died, after a few Days Illneſs, of a violent Fever at his Houſe in Savage Gardens, Tower Hill, Sir Daniel Lambert, Knt. an eminent Merchant and Alderman of Tower Ward; a Gentleman of great Integrity in Trade, and much reſpected by all his Acquaintance.

And on Tueſday Daniel Lambert, Eſq; the Deceaſed's Nephew was choſen Alderman without Oppoſition.

On Monday Night laſt Mr. Peter Eagle, a wealthy Iron Founder by the Water Side, Chriſt Church, Surry, returning from Epſom Races, was thrown from his Horſe, by which Accident his Skull was ſo terribly fractured, that he immediately died.

By a Letter from Ballynekin in Ireland, we have Advice that a Woman near that Place, who had been deliver'd of Twins, went to a Cottage in the Neighbourhood, and having careleſly left her Door open, an old Boar, which uſed to run looſe about the Village got in, and devour'd one of the Children and was tearing the other to Pieces, when ſhe returned.

We hear that the Diſtemper amongſt the Horned Cattle has broke out at Kirbythure in Weſtmoreland, and that one John Rumney of that Place has loſt three or four Cows of the ſaid Infection.

On Tueſday laſt was determined a Cauſe that has been depending ſeveral Years between the Right Hon. the Lord Baltimore and Mr. Penn, concerning the Limits of Penſylvania, which was decreed in Favour of the latter with Coſts of Suit.

On Monday Night came on before the Lords Commiſſioners of Appeal, the Cauſe which has been ſo long depending between the Squadron of Ships under the Command of Sir Peter Warren, who were at the taking of Cape Breton, concerning the Property of the Notre Dame de Deliverance, a French Eaſt Indiaman, valued at 300,000*l.* which Ship was decoyed in by the Boſton Packet, after the Place was in the Hands of the Engliſh, but the Caſe was not then determined, and 'tis thought will not be 'till the latter End of next Month.

Three Sloops in the Service of the Cuſtoms are ordered to be ſtationed on the Welch Coaſt, in order to prevent Smuggling in that Quarter.

Within theſe ſix Days three large Smuggling Cutters are arrived in the River, which were taken on the Coaſt of Suſſex being laden with Teas, Brandies, &c.

Letters from all Parts of this Kingdom and Ireland, confirm the great Increaſe of our Sheep. The Seaſons have been extremely favourable, we ſhall have a greater Crop of Wool this Year than has ever been known, conſequently that rich Commodity will come cheaper than for ſome Years paſt, to the Manufacturer, which it is to be hoped, will enable our Merchants to underſel our envious Competitors the French at all foreign Markets.

We hear from many Parts of Ireland, that there were very little Buſineſs done at the Fairs, upon account of the light Guineas. And we are inform'd, that ſome Landlords have directed their Agents to receive the late Rents in what Guineas the Tenants have; but to oblige them to pay the next Half Year's Rents in Money not filed or clipped; before which Time it it hoped, this important Affair will be reglated and ſettled to the Satisfaction of the Public.

An Order is ſent to Chelmsford, to remove one Farr, an outlaw'd Smuggler there to Chicheſter in order to take his Trial next Aſſizes, for ſhooting a Dragoon about ſix Years ago on board a Smuggling Veſſel on the Coaſt of Suſſex, and for which Captain Holman received Sentence of Death the Aſſizes before laſt at Chicheſter.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant a free Pardon to Gearing and Trower, convicted at the ſame Time, and to order Captain Holman for Tranſportation during Life.

Laſt Saturdry Afternoon, a ſingle Highwayman robbed Governor Ellick of Crayford in Kent, near Chicelhurſt, of Five Guineas, a Gold Watch, &c. with which he made off towards London.

Tueſday Evening the Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body of Samuel Denton, late Apprentice to Thomas Pearſon Poulterer in Fore-ſtreet, and brought in their Verdict Wilful Murder againſt the ſaid Thomas Pearſon.

Tueſday Mr. Alderman Gaſcoyne committed to the Poultry Compter, a young Gentleman, late Clerk to an Attorney at Liverpool in Lancaſhire, for ſtealing at Liverpool ſome Bills of Exchange incloſed in Letters to be ſent by the Liverpool Poſt to London, and altering them in Town for Payment, to a conſiderable amount.——It ſeems his Grandfather lately died, who left him a Fortune, which he having run thro', was the Cauſe of this unhappy Tranſaction. He appeared deeply concerned at this Proceeding whilſt under Examination, and had before reſtored to the Proprietor, a Merchant in Auſtin Friars, the Notes, &c.

The ſame Gentleman alſo committed to Wood Street Compter a famous Practitioner in the Law, upon Certificates from the Clerk of the Peace, of two Bills of Indictment being found againſt him; the one for being a common Barrater, the other for wilful and corrupt Perjury.—He was now brought by his Bail, from whom he had long abſented, and ſuffered their Recognizance to be forfeited.

Thurſday Mr. Alderman Rawlinſon committed to the Poultery Compter, James Pattle a Common Gambler, for inticing a Sailor into a Public Houſe, and defrauding him of upwards of ſeven Guineas, at cutting of Cards; upon being ſearched there were found two Packs in his Pocket made for that Purpoſe. He may be now ſeen at the Compter, by any Perſons who have been by the like means defrauded.

The ſame Gentleman alſo committed to Wood-ſtreet Compter William Paul a notorious Cheat, for going to Perſons Houſes and obtaining Money of their Servants, in the Maſters Abſence, by falſe Tokens and Pretences. He was ſentenced laſt Seſſions to ſtand in the Pillory, for the like Practice.

Wedneſday the thirteen Malefactors formerly mentioned were carried from Newgate to Tyburn in four Carts, (excepting Michael Nunnam, for counterfeiting the Coin, who was drawn on a Hurdle) to Tyburn, and executed purſuant to their Sentence after which Eleven of their Bodies were taken away by their Friends, and the other two by Surgeons.

There are upwards of one Hundred Men employed, in order, with all expedition, to compleat the finiſhing of Weſtminſter Bridge; which, we hear, will be ready for Foot Paſſengers in about a Month.

Mrs. Keith's Corpſe was removed from her Huſband's houſe in May-Fair the Middle of October laſt, to an Apothecary's in South Audley Street, where ſhe lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral. ——Several Perſons, belonging to Churches and Chapels, together with many others, ſuppoſing the Marriages at May Fair New Chapel to be detrimental to their Intereſt, have made it their Buſineſs to rave and clamour, but in ſuch a Manner as not to deſerve an Anſwer, becauſe every Thing they have ſaid ſerves only to expoſe their own Ignorance and Malice, in the Opinion of People of good Senſe and Underſtanding.—The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the Weſt End of St. James's-Street, and down Clarges-Street, and turn on the Left Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea, as uſual, any Time 'till four in the Afternoon, by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May Fair, near Hyde Park Corner, oppoſite the Great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. There is a Porch at the Door like a Country Church Porch.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Canterbury, May 16. On Monday in the Afternoon, the French Ambaſſador come to the Red Lion in this City, and Yeſterday ſet out for Dover, in order for France.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, May 7. We hear from Galloway, that on the 1ſt Inſtant died, at his Country Seat at Cally near Kirkcubright, the Hon. Alexander Murray, of Broughton. He is ſucceeded in his Eſtate by James Murray his only Son.

Edinburgh, May 8. They write from Glaſgow, that a great Number of light Guineas are now paſſing in that County, being from 2 to 4, 5, yea ſome 6 Shillings under the Value; and that they were brought from Dublin, where about 20 Perſons are lying in Newgate for clipping. They write from Perth, that on Saturday laſt the Jury returned their Verdict againſt Alexander Cowan, finding him Guilty of the Murder of the Woman and Child in Pickellany Wood in Auguſt laſt, for which he is condemned to be hung in Chains.

Reſolution of the Heretors of the Shire of Dumfries, on the firſt Day of May 1750.

The Gentlemen of the County of Dumfries, met at their Quarter Seſſions this Day, having taken into their Conſideration the Affair of the Augmentation of Stipends, propoſed to be inſiſted for by the Miniſter, of the Kirk of Scotland, think it needleſs, after the many good Reaſons they have offered from the other Counties in Scotland againſt it to enlarge upon that Matter; but have thought proper hereby to notify, that they will moſt readily concur with all the other Counties, in any Scheme that ſhall be concerted, in Oppoſition to the ſaid Plan for Augmentations, which they judge unreaſonable in itſelf, and an Incrhochment upon the landed Intereſt. *Robert Laurie*, Preſes.

IRELAND.

Dublin, May, 8. Laſt Saturday the Earl of Granard, Admiral Forbes, Henry, Fox, Eſq; Secretary at War, Wellbore Ellis, Eſq; a Lord of the Admiralty, and Godfrey Lill Eſq; arrived here from England.

Yeſterday their Excellencies the Lord Primate, Lord Chancellor, and the Rt. Hon. Henry Boyle, Eſq; Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, took the Oaths at the Court of King's-Bench as Lords Juſtices of this Kingdom.

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